

**DRAFT**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**  
**January 14, 2004**

The State Board of Education held its January meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, January 14, 2004, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Dr. Mary E. Jones, Chair; Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Jessie Curtis; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Mr. Joe Isaac; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Dr. Harriett L. Rucker; Mrs. Terrye C. Seckinger; Mrs. Rebecca Smith; and Mrs. Kristi Woodall. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education.

**OPENING**

Mr. Chris Verenes led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2003**

Dr. Rucker moved for the approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Belin and then approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

Mr. Lee moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hostetler and approved by the Board.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Jones welcomed the visitors present.

**AWARDS TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBER(S)**

Chair Jones recognized Mr. Chris Verenes, Second Judicial Circuit. On behalf of the Board and the citizens of South Carolina, Chair Jones thanked Mr. Verenes and presented a certificate to him for his service on the Board.

Chair Jones also recognized Mrs. Lisa Stevens, Governor's Appointee, who was unable to attend the meeting.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized and congratulated Jason Fulmer, South Carolina's Teacher of the Year, on his selection as one of four national finalists for the National

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Teacher of the Year. President George W. Bush will announce the 2004 National Teacher of the Year in April.

Jason stated that it was an honor to represent South Carolina and he is proud to be a teacher.

**QUALITY COUNTS 2004 REPORT**

Superintendent Tenenbaum announced that *Quality Counts 2004*, published by the national magazine *Education Week*, released a report last week that says our educational reform efforts are tops in the nation. Superintendent Tenenbaum reported on some highlights of the publication, one of which is that South Carolina's efforts to improve teacher quality are the best in the country for a second straight year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mrs. Brenda Fort, Chair**  
**Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**

**Dr. Harriett Rucker, Chair**  
**Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**

**Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Chair**  
**Finance and Legislative Committee**

**Dr. Mary Jones, Chair**  
**Educational Policy Committee**

**56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**—Mrs. Brenda Fort reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (TRTC) met on Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for January 13, 2004**—Mrs. Fort reported that the agenda for the January 13, 2004, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2003, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mrs. Fort reported that the minutes from the December 9, 2003, meeting were approved.

**03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview**—Mrs. Fort reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mrs. Fort reported that Items 56-04, 56-05, 56-06, 56-07, 56-08, 56-09, 56-10, and 56-11 were placed on the consent agenda.

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Mrs. Fort reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **Report from the State Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee regarding procedures for teacher licensure suspensions and revocations**

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Dr. Harriett Rucker reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for January 13, 2004**—Dr. Rucker reported that the agenda for January 13, 2004, was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2003**—Dr. Rucker reported that the minutes of the December 9, 2003, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

**03. Report and recommendations following review of instructional materials**—Dr. Rucker reported that *Introduction to the Human Body: Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology* was evaluated by the 2003 Instructional Materials Review Panel in accordance with policies and procedures set forth in the Board regulations. The State Board at its December meeting asked that the Department of Education review this in light of concerns discussed during the December 10, 2003, meeting.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Rucker moved that the State Board of Education approve the Report and Recommendation Following Review of the Instructional Materials. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Seckinger.

**54. Finance and Legislative Committee**—Mrs. Kristin Maguire reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for January 13, 2004**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the agenda for the January 13, 2004, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2003**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the minutes of the December 9, 2003, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Maguire reported that the following items were submitted for information:

- **Additional Assurance Forms for Meeting the Requirements to Employ Retired Individuals for School Year 2002–03**
- **Assurance Forms for Meeting the Requirements to Employ Retired Individuals for School Year 2003–04**
- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

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**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Dr. Jones reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for January 13, 2004**—Dr. Jones reported that the agenda for the January 13, 2004, meeting was approved with the addition of item 01. State Board and Committee Meeting Procedures, as an information item.

**02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of December 9, 2003**—Mr. White reported that the minutes for the December 9, 2003, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

**03. Other Business**

Mr. Hostetler requested a status on Regulation 43-274, Student Attendance, and requested that the regulation be presented to the Board in February for changes.

Dr. Jones reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board and Committee Meeting Procedures**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were approved by the Board without further debate upon motion by Mrs. Maguire seconded by Mrs. Fort:

**56-04. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendation for the Teacher Education unit and programs at Benedict College**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-05. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendation for the Physical Education program at Furman University**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-06. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendation for the English Education (graduate), Biology Education (graduate), Government Education (undergraduate), Speech/Drama Education (undergraduate), and Theatre Education (undergraduate) programs at Lander University**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-07. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendation for the Physical Education program and the Social Studies Education program at Southern Wesleyan University**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-08. The Citadel's request to postpone their NCATE visit until the spring 2006 semester**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-09. Adopt passing scores for three areas of the Work Keys Assessment (Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Writing) for Engineering and Industrial Technology Education Work-based Certification for 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-63, Requirements for Career and Technology Education Work-Based Certification (First Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-10. Guidelines for the Basic Skills Examination Requirement for Engineering and Industrial Technology Education Work-based Certification for 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-63, Requirements for Career and Technology Education Work-Based Certification (First Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-11. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendation for the Middle Level Education program at Presbyterian College**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TEACHER  
LICENSURE ISSUES OF JANUARY 13, 2004**

Chair-Elect Forrester gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning the public hearings and teacher licensure issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2004**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2004, meetings. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger and approved by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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